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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant art along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

A. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-185149 published by the Japanese Patent Office on July 25, 1995;

B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 11-4980 published by the Japanese Patent Office on January 12, 1999;

C. U.S. Patent No. 4,038,748 issued to Tyler on August 2, 1977;

D. Great Britain Patent Specification No. 1 417 812 published by the British Patent Office on December 17, 1975;

E. U.S. Patent No. 3,119,180 issued to Bruecker on January 28, 1964;

F. U.S. Patent No. 4,393,586 issued to Hamashima et al. on July 19, 1983;

G. EPO Patent Publication No. 0 566 234 published by the EPO on October 20, 1993;

H. EPO Patent Publication No. 0 652 086 published by the EPO on May 10, 1995.

The above-listed prior art A and B are not in the English language, but the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the specification pursuant to 37 CFR

1.98(a)(3). Nonetheless, an English language abstract of each prior art is attached to the copy thereof.

Of the above-listed prior art, prior art C-H are all cited in the European Search Report which was completed on January 21, 2004 to the EPC Application No. EP 03 25 6704 which is a counterpart application to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

It is, therefore, hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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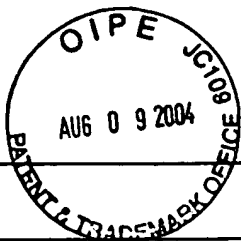
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